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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, DM, NI, NG

SUBJECT: TRUCKING THROUGH NIGERIA

REF: NIAMEY 1729

1. WFP REP EYBEN AND CHARGE MCNAMARA WISH HAVE MEETING WITH PETRACCHI AND SCHUMATE IN LAGOS JUNE 5. PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO FIND OUT STATUS OF PLANNING FOR TRUCKING SAHELIAN RELIEF SUPPLIES FROM COTONOU THROUGH NIGERIA TO NIGER, AND TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF SUCH SCHEME. MRGD ATTITUDE TOWARDS SUCH MOVEMENT IS COLORED BY OCDN FEAR OF FUTURE COMPEITION FROM ANY ALTERNA-TIVE TO RAILWAY TO PARAKOU. AS RESULT, NECESSARY MRGD PERMISSION MAY NEVER BE GIVEN. HOWEVER, WE WISH HAVE READY TO GO PROGRAM, WHICH COULD BE PRESENTED DURING VISIT OF NIGERIEN MIN RURAL DEV. ON JUNE 6. TACTICALLY, THIS COULD PRESENT IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEMPT FORCE MRDG HIGH-LEVEL ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATIV E ROUTES.

2. LAGOS REQUESTED INFORM ME BY RETURN IMMEDIATE CABLE WHETHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSED MEETING FEASIBLE. IF SO, WE COULD ARRIVE AT 1100 AT

AIRPORT HOTEL. THIS WOULD AVOID OUR HAVING FACE HEAVY LAGOS CITY
TRAFFIC.
MCNAMARA

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